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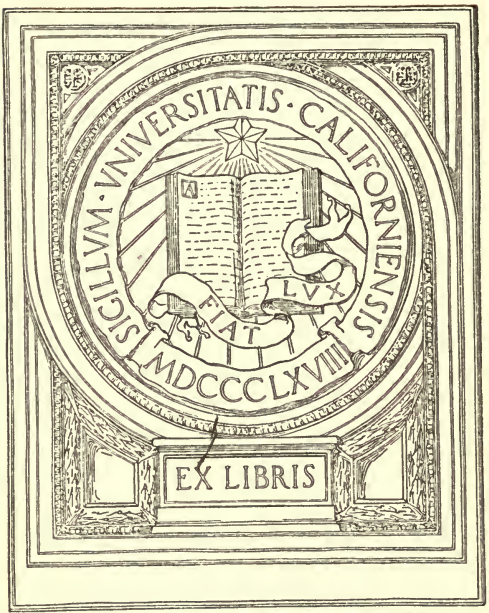
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CAP. I.

T was an honest Dutchman,
Meinherr Vonstoppelnoze,
And ever, after dining,
He sat him down to doze,
And slept away the sultry day
In beautiful repose!

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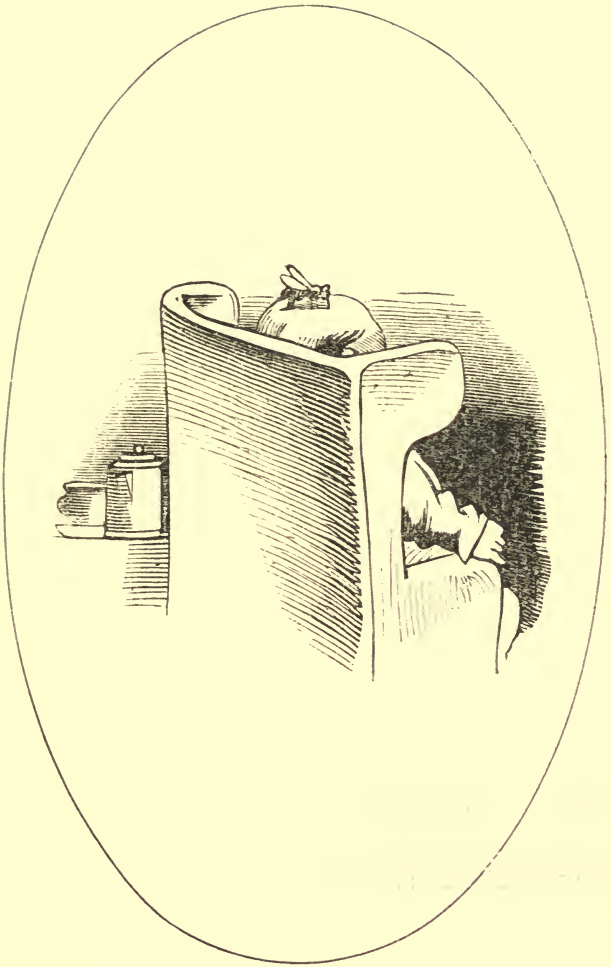
CAP. II.

ND which it was an insect
Come buzzing at his ear;
But happy is the sleeper,
And nothing doth he fear,
Nor dream—unconscious mortal—
An enemy is near!

Cap. xxx.

ND now the vile intruder
Hath sought the sleeper's head,
And there he marcheth gaily,
With bold and daring tread
But still the sleeper sleepeth
As he were of the dead!

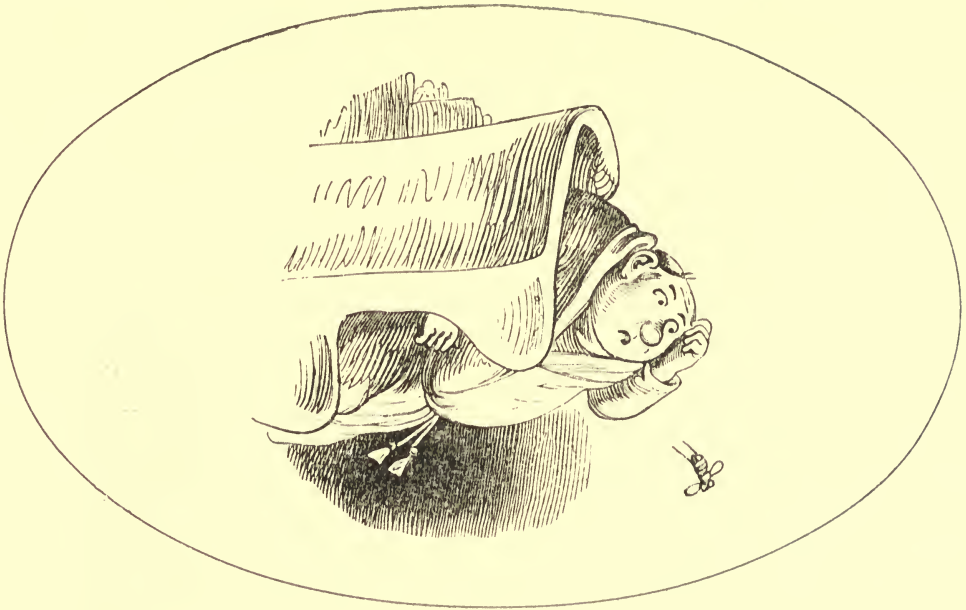


CAP. IV.

WHAT would the wicked insect?
What maketh he so sly?
Hath he a sting beneath his wing,
That curséd little fly?
Potstausend! cries the sleeper,
And openeth his eye!

CAP. V.

fearful is his anger
To view the flying foe,
That, for his wicked mischief,
Hath spoiled his slumber so;
Sturmwetter! cries the Dutchman,
Ish dat der vay you go?



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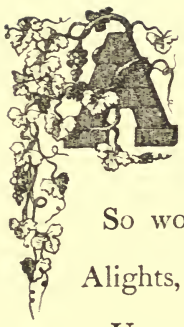
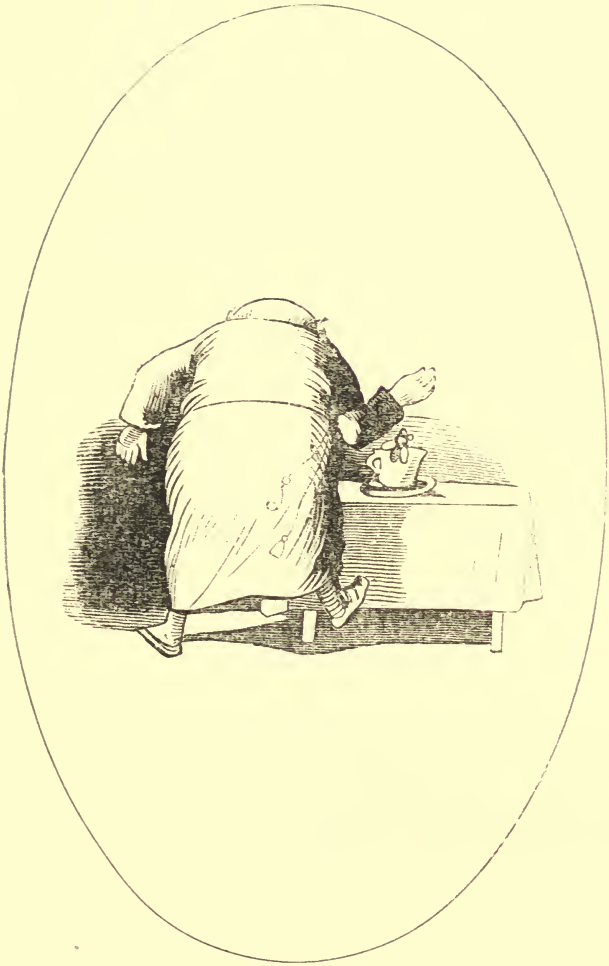


ND now the wanton insect,
All in a merry glee,
(Was ever wight, by day or night,
So wondrous bold as he?)
Alights, for his refreshment,
Upon a cup of tea!



CAP. VII.

have him now! unto himself
Says Herr Vonstoppelnoze;
And, aiming at the enemy
The sturdiest of blows,
His fist goes flying through the air,
And—down the china goes!

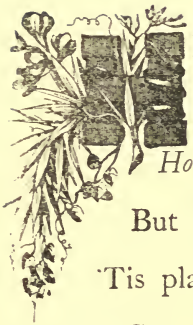
Cap. VIII.

HE sees his broken crockery,
And heaves a heavy sigh;
There's slivers in his fingers,
There's fury in his eye;
But where—for he has vanished—
Has fled the wicked fly?

CAP. IX

AH! there he goes as large as life,
A-buzzing overhead;
That sturdy fist the mark has missed,
And so the rogue has fled;
Mein Gott! cries Herr Vonstoppelnoze,
I thought the imp was dead!

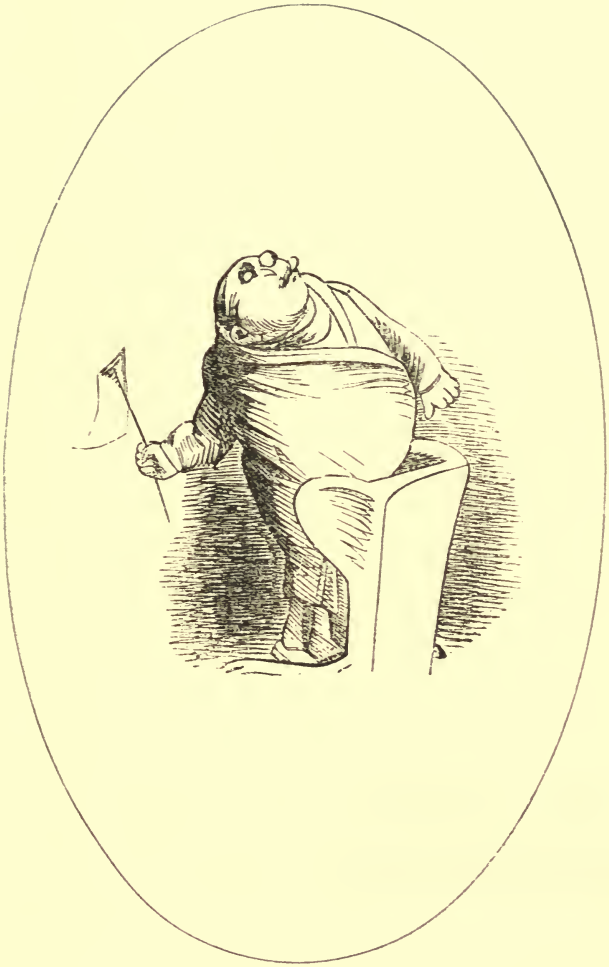
CAP. X.



HE makes a little flapper
To flap the wicked fly;
Ho! ho! says he, *we soon shall see*—
But now the imp is shy;
'Tis plain Meinherr Vonstoppelnoze
Can never flap so high!

Cap. xi.

ND so he mounts into his chair,
And flaps with might and main;
With such a swingeing blow as that
The rascal must be slain;
Alas! the best of mortal plans
Full often prove in vain!



CAP. XIX.

O fierce a blow cannot be lost,
As you may well suppose;
Up flies the arm!—down falls
the chair!—
Away the insect goes—
And flat upon his chubby face
Comes Herr Vonstoppelnoze!

CAP. XXXI.

UT soon again with might
and main
He pounces on the foe;
His stick has caught a flower-pot,
And deals a deadly blow;
His time has come!—that hated fly
Will soon be lying low!

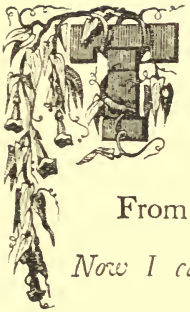
CAP. XXV.

NOW there stands Herr Von-
stoppelnoze,
All in a merry glee,
Exulting o'er the fallen foe,
And crying, *Now you see,*
You leedle tuyfel, vat you gets
Mit mettle-ing mit me!

CAP. XV.

ND now upon the vanquished fly
Behold the victor tread;
He tramples on his ugly limbs;
He tramples on his head,
Until the curséd insect
A thousand times is dead!

CAP. XVI.



THE work is done!—the victor's joy
Is tingling in his toes,
So potently he can't refrain
From dancing as he goes;
Now I can go to shleep again!
Says Herr Vonstoppelnoze.

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